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Office Action Summary

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

MARQUETTE ET AL.

Examiner

Viet Vu

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 February 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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Art Rejections:

1. The text of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) cited in the previous office action is hereby incorporated by reference.

2. The rejection of claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over unpatentable over Robsman (6,477,561) and Wiryanan (2001/0030970), mailed 11/14/2005, is hereby incorporated by reference.

Response to Amendment:

3. Applicant's arguments filed on 2/17/06 with respect to claims 1-24 have been fully considered but are not deemed persuasive.

Applicant alleges that Robsman does not disclose the claimed invention because Robsman fails to teach or suggest checking for an available communication path to the request application, and establishing the communication path between the input request and the application when the communication path becomes available. Applicant asserts that Robsman to the contrary only monitors the available application threads for sending the request to an available application instance/thread.

The examiner disagrees. The examiner submits that applicant has neglected claim limitation that clearly states that an

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available communication path being present when an instance of the requested application is available and ready to accept a new request. In other words, the claimed "communication path" has been explicitly equated or associated directly with the state of the requested application. Therefore, it is submitted that Robsman teaches monitoring for available application instances/threads and sending the request to an available thread meets the present claim limitations. The examiner is unable to find limitations in the claims that would define "checking for a communication path" being something else other than monitoring or checking the state of an application instance.

The applicant further alleges that there is no motivation is combine the references.

The examiner disagrees. As set forth in the previous office action, Robsman's invention is directed to accessing server application over the network (by a client). Such network application clearly and obviously requires at least a communication means for enabling the client to communicate and interact with the application server. The use of a known network access server/router such as one described by Wiryanan would have been desirable and obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art because it would have enabled practicing Robsman's invention.

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Conclusion:

4. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner, it should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Follansbee, can be reached on 571-272-3964.

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